

**Proposed Bill 800**  
**An Act Restoring Commuter Rail Service from Waterbury to Hartford**

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I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association of Hartford. Our neighborhood supports the development of the New Britain Hartford Busway and we oppose Bill 800 which will take funds from the Busway and use them for a Waterbury commuter rail line.

The New Britain Hartford Busway is designed to bring real rapid transit to Hartford. It will provide improved bus service for Asylum Hill residents and businesses. People who use the bus today will be able to get where they need to go more quickly and the busway will make bus travel more of an option for people who don't use the bus today.

The busway will improve our neighborhood by removing cars from our streets, cleaning the air, and providing an opportunity for revitalization.

We have been planning for the implementation of the busway since 1999. We respectfully request that you keep the busway moving by rejecting Bill 800.